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## <u>Preliminary Work Started on Top of Buckhorn Project</u>

REDDING – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has begun preliminary work on the Top of Buckhorn project on a 0.6 mile segment of State Route (SR) 299 in Shasta County. The \$4 million project is slated for construction during the summer of 2008 with completion in the fall of 2008.

In order to construct this safety curve improvement project, which will reduce the number and severity of collisions along this stretch of SR 299, the removal of trees is necessary and must be done during the winter when birds are not nesting. This project will not only enhance safety, but will greatly improve this section of the highway.

The Top of Buckhorn project is one of several planned construction projects slated for the Shasta County side of the Buckhorn Grade. Beginning in 2009 travelers will see construction at two sites near the bottom of the Buckhorn Grade. The Yankee Gulch and Bottom of Buckhorn projects are also curve improvement projects that will help reduce the number and severity of accidents along this portion of SR 299. Although separate, these projects contribute to the enhancement of the Buckhorn Grade.

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NOTE: An electronic version of this news release and an aerial photo are available on the internet at the following web address: http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist2/roadinfo.htm

